discuss operational problems and to take remedial measures.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

(e) Does not arise.

उत्तर प्रदेश में रेल सेवाओं में सुधार

*237. **मौलाना अबेदुल्ला खान आजमी** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 1991 तथा 1992 के वर्षों के दौरान उत्तर प्रदेश में रेल सेवाओं के विस्तार तथा सुधार के लिए सरकार को प्राप्त हुए आवेदनों का ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ख) उनमें किये गये अनुरोधों का ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) उन पर क्या कार्यवाही की गयी है ;

(घ) क्या इसी अवधि के दौरान, पश्चिमी उत्तर प्रदेश में रेल सेवाओं के विस्तार तथा सुधार के संबंध में भी कुछ आवेदन प्राप्त हुए हैं ; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है और उन पर क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

रेल मंत्री श्री (सी. के. जाफर शरीफ) : (क) से (ङ) रेल सेवाओं में सुधार के संबंध में उत्तर प्रदेश सहित देश भर से बहुत से अभ्यावेदन विभिन्न स्तरों पर, यथा रेल मंत्रालय, क्षेत्रीय रेल मुख्यालय, मंडल कार्यालय, स्टेशन स्तर पर एवं रेल अधिकारियों के फील्ड दौरों के दौरान प्राप्त होते है, प्राप्त होने वाले अभ्यावेदनों की संख्या इतनी अधिक है कि सभी आंकड़ों का संकलन करना व्यावहारिक नहीं है । बहरहाल, जैसे ही अभ्यावेदन प्राप्त होते है उन सब विधिवत जांच की जाती है और जहां व्यावहारिक समझा जाता है, उपयुक्त कार्रवाई की जाती है ।

Re-imbursement of expenditure incurred on Family Planning Programmes

*238. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the implementation of the family planning programmes by different States and the Union Territories has been seriously hampered for want of funds;

(b) whether it is a fact that the disbursement of funds to the State Governments by way of re-imbursement of the expenditure incurred by the State Governments is in huge arrears;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what steps have been taken by Government to clear the arrears and to provide adequate funds to the State Governments for implementing the family planning programmes?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) to (d) The Family Welfare Programme has been a 100 per cent Centrally sponsored scheme since its inception. While the entire funding is provided by the Central Government, the State Governments and the Union Territories Administration have the responsibility of implementing the Programme under the broad national policy framework and norms laid down for the purpose. While provision for the funds required for the Programme is made by the State Governments in their budget, matching grants-in-aid, based on approved norms and yardsticks, are to be released by the Central Government on an annual basis. However, due to the financial constraints, the Central budget does not always have adequate provisions for meeting the full requirements of State Governments for providing the matching grants-in-aid. In the event of the

actual expenditures exceeding the quantum of grants-in-aid, arrears accrue and are required to be reimbursed by the Central Government. Based on the expenditure reports received so far from the States, an amount of Rs. 397.60 crores has become payable to the States as arrears upto the period ending March, 1991.

During the year 1990-91 a special allocation of Rs. 100 crores was released to the States towards part settlement of the arrears. Similarly, an amount of Rs. 100 crores has been earmarked in the Annual Plan of the current year for this purpose. Efforts ae being made to have the Plan allocations of the Family Welfare sector during the Eighth Five Year Plan increased to meet the full requirement of funds for the State and Union Territories, so as to clear the arrears and prevent further accumulation thereof.

Expansion of Mormugao Port

*239. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any plan has been formulated by Government for the expansion of Mormugao Port; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the draft Annual Plan 1992-93, important schemes like Construction of Additional Cargo berth No. 11, construction of new Additional berth, procurement of container handling equipment and acquisition of fire fighting equipment are included.

Apathy of Medical Staff in Hospitals

*240. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the growing apathy, neglect and rude behaviour of the medical staff including Doctors and Nurses in the hospitals in Delhi and other parts of the country which are generally visited by the poor patients; and

(b) if so, what remedial action Government propose to take to tackle the problem and make them more humane towards poor patients?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) and (b) It would not be correct to make a generalised statement that there is growing apathy, neglect and rude behaviour of medical staff including doctors and nurses. By and large, the medical staff in Government Hospitals has been rendering satisfactory services to all patients, including poor, notwithstanding the great increase on the demand of such services in the tertiary level institutions in Delhi and elsewhere. Whenever any complaint of apathy/neglect/rude behaviour comes to notice, due action is taken.

Indian Strategy for UNCED Meeting

@1783. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 2-day meeting of Ministers of SAARC countries was held in the Capital early last month to formulate a common South Asian strategy for the forthcoming UN Conference on Environment and Development to be held in Brazil and also discuss region environmental problems in the wake of the conclusion

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